

In a Sheltering Place: About the Artists

Art Connects New York at Marcus Gardens

Curated by Karen Fitzgerald 2013

The artists who comprise the permanent collection at Marcus Gardens present a distinguished array of achievements. Of the thirteen artists, all have earned a degree at the college level; the majority achieved Masters degrees.

Grants and Awards

These artists are a recognized group. Among them:

- 4 Pollack Krasner Foundation Artist's Grants have been awarded.
- Carol Schille traveled to China as an artist-in-residence with the Earth Watch Institute, documenting architectural and cultural artifacts.
- Ellen Mandelbaum was recognized by the Stained Glass Association of America with a Residential Glass Design Award.
- Karen Fitzgerald traveled to South Korea as an artist-in-residence at Haslla Art World, on full fellowship. The Greenwall Foundation awarded her a collaborative grant to complete a project with composer, Charles Griffin.
- The Queens Council on the Arts and the New York State Council on the Arts have awarded 4 of these artists working grants.

Commissions

Distinguished commissions include these commissioning agencies:

- South Carolina Aquarium, Charleston, SC, Christ United Methodist Church, Honolulu, HI, and Queens College Library, Flushing, NY (for Ellen Mandelbaum)
- the New York City School Construction Authority and The Related Group for the Hudson Yards Project, NYC (for Karen Fitzgerald).
- Liz Whitney Quisgard has completed many commissions, among them work for the Libyan Mission to the United Nations, work for the Medical College of Virginia and an 8'x40' mural for the Fell school in Baltimore, MD.

Collections:

This group of artists presents credentials that betray active, working careers as visual artists. Their works are in these collections:

- Library of Congress
- Fordham University
- Vanderbilt University
- the Reinhart collection of Germany
- The Sheldon Swope Museum
- the Joan Flasch Collection of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- Whirlpool Corporation
- Brooklyn Union Gas Company

- Verizon
- the Atlantis Hotel in the Bahamas
- NYU Langone Medical Center
- Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
- Saint Mary's Church in Wausau, WI.
- Their works are in a number of prestigious corporate collections including Dunn & Bradstreet, Bristol-Myers Squibb, and Verizon.

Solo exhibitions

These artists have exhibited across the US, as well as internationally. Venues include:

- Berkshire Museum of MA
- Phillips Art Museum, PA
- Frist Center for the Visual Arts
- Nashville, TN
- Rutgers University
- Spartenberg Art Museum, SC
- Discovery Museum, Bridgeport, CT
- Haslla Art World in South Korea.